School Board Report

Windham Elementary School

12-07-2020

**Academic Proficiency:**

-Progress monitoring has begun with students in both the older and younger classes on the Aims Web platform. Every couple of weeks students work on a math or language arts session that is specific to a topic such as number sense in math or oral reading fluency in LA to see how they are progressing towards the goal set after taking the fall benchmark assessment. Mr. PJ has been administering these assessments in the upper grade classroom for all students in the school on alternating weeks. While he works with the students individually, Sara has the rest of the students in the other classroom working on independent work.

**Personalized Learning:**

-Our K-6 students entered VSAC’s 802 Future YOU contest last month. They each drew a picture of a job they would like to explore when they get older. The jobs that they were curious about included, game/web designers, YouTuber, artist, fireman, and a farmer! Each week 2 random winners were selected to receive $50 in takeout from their favorite local restaurant and 9 random winners would win $200 to start a 529 college savings plan, sponsored by VSAC.  Windham Elementary had two students randomly selected, one who won a $50 takeout gift certificate and the other won one of the 9 $200 529 college savings plans! This was very exciting for those two families.

**High Quality Staffing:**

-On Monday, November 16th Sara and Mickey finished up the final module of the Implicit Bias Training Modules course through the Kirwan Institute. Over the four sessions Sara and Mickey had many intense discussions about how our upbringings and surroundings lead us to have the view of the world that we do. This work helped to illuminate some unconscious thoughts and feelings that may have otherwise stayed hidden. By bringing them to the surface, we are better able to meet the needs of all students we may come in contact with in the coming years.

-The school board met on Monday, November 16th to reorganize after the election on the 3rd. We now have three members back on the school board!

**Safe, Healthy Schools:**

-On Tuesday, November 10th more air quality testing was done in the building.

-On Wednesday, 11/4, Chris Medina, Tom Mooney from Alliance Mechanical, and Mr. PJ walked through our building to preview the equipment and to help Tom familiarize himself with the layout of the building. Tom works in the preventative maintenance division and will lead the work on our HVAC and heating system over the coming weeks. Chris Medina gave me this report to read.

-On Friday, November 20th we had our first lockdown drill of the year. Students were prepped for this experience at an all school meeting where it was explained why this practice needs to happen. They performed very well during this drill. We also had our first unannounced fire drill this past Friday which was quite the shock to some of the students.

**Financial Efficiencies:**

-At out last school board meeting, Russ suggested we look into changing the timing of the fan so it is not running on days the students are not here and shuts off at 4:00 instead of 6:00. Kord was able to make those changes, so hopefully that will help with the cost of heating this year. Thank you Russ and Kord!!! -On November 20th Mr. PJ received an email from the Vermont Academy of Science and Engineering notifying him that his grant application was accepted and filled! We have received $768.00 to go towards funding some hands on science activities using the Kiwi kits next year.